

**The Congregational Church of Batavia, United Church of Christ  
Communion Sunday, February 5, 2012  
"The Three P's of Paul: Proclamation"**

**We Gather To Worship**

PRELUDE: "Only One Life, " by Merrill Dunlop Gene Ton, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Greg Skiba

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the UCC Statement of Faith):

L: We come together as people of God, out of our many places, to worship the God of our salvation.

P: WE COME SEEKING THE LIGHT THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US IN JESUS CHRIST.

L: Come away, then people of God, from the distractions and rivalries that vie for your loyalty.

P: WE COME TO REFOCUS OUR PRIORITIES, TO AWAKEN MORE FULLY TO GOD'S ACTION AMONG US IN THE WORLD GOD HAS GIVEN US FOR LIFE AND LOVE .

All: BEYOND THE CRIES OF NARROW SELF-INTEREST WE JOIN TOGETHER IN HEARING AGAIN THE CALL OF JESUS, "FOLLOW ME!"

INSPIRE US, GRACIOUS GOD, TO BOTH RECEIVE AND PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF YOUR REIGN AND REALM, TO FOLLOW IN YOUR WAY OF SHALOM, IN EACH MOMENT OF OUR LIVES. AMEN!

SONG: 9:00: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Pilgrim Hymnal no.223  
10:30: "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" (Bulletin)

CALL TO PRAYER: In communion with the saints of every nation and every age, in time and beyond time, let us join our hearts in prayer:

UNISON PRAYER: Sovereign God of Love, you have bestowed upon us your Holy Spirit, creating us and renewing us continually as the church of Jesus Christ. You bind us together in covenant with faithful people of all ages, tongues and races. Amid such astonishing diversity, you make us one with each other, challenging us to find the blessing of unity in your Love. We praise you for your Creation, exquisite in its beauty, that draws us out of ourselves in awe and wonder. In such wonder, O God, deepen our appreciation for you and each other, as we seek to be your faithful people in this church and in the world. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus—as he gave his life for us, so may we also give ourselves in love for others. Thereby may we know more fully the grace, joy and peace that is your promise in him, our Savior and Lord. To your name be the glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

GLORIA:

LITURGY FOR THE BLESSING OF THE INTERIM (Insert)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM: "Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader

10:30: CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Rev. Greg Skiba  
(Sunday School Student dismissed.)

**We Celebrate Our Life Together**

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS Rev. Greg Skiba

OFFERTORY: "God Leads His Dear Children Along," by Gordon A. Young Gene Ton, piano

SONG & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.*

*All we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

**We Listen to the Word of God**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-22 Philippians 2:5-11 (Pg 197)

MESSAGE: "Where Are We, Lord?" Rev. Greg Skiba

**We Share the Lord's Supper**

THE INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND JUICE

HYMNS: "Let us break bread together"

*Let us break bread together on our knees (repeat); when I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees (repeat); when I fall on my knees...*

*Let us praise God together on our knees (repeat); when I fall on my knees...*

"Do Lord,"

*Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me; Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me;*

*Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, way beyond the blue.*

*I gotta home in Gloryland that outshines the sun; I gotta home in Gloryland that out shines the sun; I gotta home in Gloryland that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.*

"Jesus Remember Me" *Jesus, remember me...when you come into your kingdom. Jesus remember me...When you come into your kingdom.*

**We Pray to the Lord**

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

**We Depart to Serve God**

SONG: "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (Bulletin)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Marche Heroique" by Camille Saint-Saens Gene Ton, Organ

## SERVING GOD TODAY

Website: [www.congregationalchurch.org](http://www.congregationalchurch.org)

Interim Pastor: Rev. Greg Skiba

Email: [bataviaucc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bataviaucc@sbcglobal.net)

Organist: Gene Ton

*Church Nursery Attendant:* Nancy Gasiorowski (Nursery pager system available)

*Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry:* Marcia Schneider

*Director of Children's Ministries:* Laura Bernabei      *Sunday School Coordinator:* Susan Ungstad

*Director of Connections:* Pam Russell      *Associate in Counseling:* Carolyn Werneke, Psy.D.

*Director of Music & Worship:* Vicki Linich

*Stephen Ministers:* Kevin Botterman, Jean Dennis, Mary Jane McFee, Val Pearson, Francine Popeck & Sandy Young

*Stephen Minister Leaders:* Anne Eustis, Carolyn Werneke, Diane Blodgett

*Circle of Care Coordinator:* Carol Shaw      *Pastoral Care Director:* Joyce Limbaugh

*Interpreter:* Marcia Lathrop, Elyssa Levin

*Chancel Choir:* Ann Alexander, Joe Blomquist, Paul & Carol Byrd, Gene & Jeanie Fisk, Mike Fortner, Melissa Furnas, Dale Grischow, Gary Guenther, Becky Hall, Peggy Hawse, David Hughes, Judy Jablecki, Page McCloud, Tom Mullen, Francine Popeck, Bill & Sue Price, Juanita Rea, Kris Ross, Pam Russell, Jim & Marsha Seymour, Ken Smith, Elizabeth Southcombe, Leigh Tracy, Gary Van Kempema, Carolyn Werneke, and Lorinda Wright.

*Director:* Vicki Linich

	<u>9:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30a.m.</u>
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Carol Byrd	Jay Cherry
<b>Greeters:</b>	Val Pearson, Ellen Hamilton	Boy Scouts, Trp. 43
<b>Ushers:</b>	Linda Straka, Dave Russell, Andy & Cherie Poulos	Boy Scouts, Trp. 43
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Cherie Poulos	Boy Scouts, Trp. 43
<b>Communion:</b>	Judy Jablecki	Mary Ton
<b>Sound:</b>	Greg Youngdahl	CJ Engel
<b>Videographer:</b>	Steve Starzyk	
<b>Coffee Time:</b>	Tracy and Alexina Beckley	

Thank you for the bulletin to Joe & Meg Blomquist, celebrating Mallory's first birthday.

### **Sunday, February 12th: "The Three P's of Paul: Persecution"**

**Worship at 9:00am & 10:30 am**

**New Member session, at 11:45am**

**Music by Chancel Choir**

**Sunday School at 9:00am (ages 3 thru Grade 5)**

**Refreshments: Paxton Hall at 10:00 am**

**Sunday School at 10:45am (ages 3 thru Grade 12)**

**Nursery Care at 9:00 & 10:30am (birth thru age 2)**

## *Education and Youth Ministry Area*

► **Men's Bible** meets again **Feb. 11**, at **8:00 am**, in Paxton Hall. We're beginning a new study of Hebrews. Coffee & donuts served! All men are welcome!

► **Wed. Morning Women's Bible Study:** Be sure to join us **Feb. 8** at 9:30am, in Paxton Hall, as we continue a study of Hebrews. All are welcome! Please come!

► **Monday Night Women's Bible Study:** On **Mon. Feb. 6.**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Gustafson Library, we continue our study of *Invitation to the New Testament*, which illustrates how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community grappled with the implications of the story of Jesus for their lives and faith. It invites us to study afresh the story of Jesus and learn more about our calling to discipleship and community. Purchase for \$12.30 at meetings, or online. We're open to all women seeking to explore and deepen their own faith. No need to be a bible scholar or to attend every week. Questions? Need a ride? Contact Jean Stone (630 232-6279 or [jean.stone@sbcgobal.net](mailto:jean.stone@sbcgobal.net)) or Pat Engel (630 232-6931 or [pate601@gmail.com](mailto:pate601@gmail.com)).

► **GIFT (Growing in Faith Together):** Join us for the winter session **Feb. 9**, as we study the book of James. James provides us with instruments on hoe to live our daily lives—perfect for the start of the new year! We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, at 10:00a.m., in Paxton Hall. RSVP the response sheet; or contact Laura Bernabei at [laurabernabei@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurabernabei@sbcglobal.net)

► **Adult Education** will present a new Bible Study series on the **book of James** starting **February 12**, 2012, at 10:30, in the church library. We will be using materials written by Bill and Sue Price's friend Cathy Deddo, who has taught several years of women's bible studies. Her aim to "help us place ourselves in the position of being listeners of the text--allowing God to address us through James."

## *Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Area*

► **Outreach Team** meeting is **Feb. 14**, at 7pm, in Paxton Hall.

► **Evangelism Team** meeting is **Feb. 15**, at 7pm, at Panera in Batavia.

► **Linen Drive to Benefit Batavia Clothes Closet!** Today and **Feb. & 12th**, the Outreach Team will be sponsoring a Linen Drive to benefit the Batavia Clothes Closet. Please bring new or very gently used sheets, towels, blankets, and bedding of all sizes to donate to the Clothes Closet. There will be bins in the hallway outside of Paxton Hall to collect the items. Thank you so much for donating to this cause!

\***We will be collecting donations to the food pantry the first Sunday of the month!!** Questions? Contact Marsha Seymour at: [jim\\_marsha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jim_marsha@sbcglobal.net) (630-897-7653) or the Response Sheet.

► **"Bowl for Kids Sake"** The local chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters' is hosting their largest fundraiser: "Bowl for Kids Sake." The Congregational Church of Batavia team will bowl at Parkside Lanes, Aurora on Sunday, **March 4**, at 3PM and 4PM. **What's involved?** Practice your bowling! Raise at least \$100 for the BGBS organization, show up to bowl! contact Marsha Seymour at 630-897-7653 for info or [jim\\_marsha@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jim_marsha@sbcglobal.net).

If you would like a copy of the Celebration of Ministry Concert (Jan. 22) or the worship service from Jan. 29, please check the Response Sheet.

### ***Pastoral Care Ministry Area***

► **Friendly Visitors** will meet Fri, **Feb. 10**, at 1:30 p.m., in pastor's office, and then visit people who are unable to attend worship. Visiting with these friends in Christ is a blessing!

► **Women's Friendship Circle:** will meet Wed., **Mar. 14**, at 10:30, in the church conference room.

► **Women's Connection** will meet Sunday, **Feb. 19**, at 7:00 p.m., at Jane Thompson's, 679 Blackhawk, when we will discuss "*The Hunger Games*," by Suzanne Collins. All are welcome!

► **Small Business Network Group** meets Thurs. **Feb. 16**, at 8:30a.m., in Paxton Hall. For info: Ellen Huxtable 406-6984, or visit: [www.ccobnetwork.com](http://www.ccobnetwork.com)

► **Loose Ends:** the knitters will meet Monday, **Feb. 20**, at 1:30 p.m. at Daryl Srail's, @ Windy Acres, Fabyan Pkwy, Geneva.

► **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Do you love to knit or crochet? Please join the prayer shawl group, which meets Thurs. **Feb. 16** at 1:30, in the conference room. Questions? Contact Joyce Limbaugh at 630-406-7636 or jomali87@yahoo.com.

\***Batavia Brotherhood Banquet** is **Feb., 21**, at 6:30pm, at Immanuel Lutheran Ch. Speaker is Rev. Brian Smith; tickets are \$15, and available in church office. All men are welcome!

### ***Worship Ministry Area***

► **The next worship team** meeting is Thursday, **Feb. 7**, at 7pm, in the library.

\***Ash Wednesday Service & Potluck:** **Wed. February 22** there will be a Potluck Supper, in Paton Hall, at 6pm; followed by the Communion Worship service, at 7pm, in the sanctuary. Please check the Response Sheet if you can bring a dish to share, or help with set-up or clean-up.

► **Experience Worship Workshop & Luncheon** is set for **March 18**, at 11:45am, in Paxton Hall. If you are interested in helping brainstorm topics for our worship services, please plan to attend! Be sure to check the Response Sheet. Questions? Contact Vicki at vlinich@yahoo.com

### ***Administration Ministry Area***

\***The Annual Budget meeting is Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 11:45am in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend!**

► **Church Council** meets on Tuesday, **Feb. 28**, at 7pm, in Paxton Hall.

► **Reminder:** Church Council minutes are available in the church office.

► **The deadline for the Tower is Sunday, Feb. 19.** Please send your March news to Barb Zillgitt at: barbzillgitt@earthlink.net.

#### ***Flower Book & Bulletin Sponsors for 2012***

Please be sure to choose a date to acknowledge a birthday or anniversary, by providing altar flower for 2012. The Flower Book is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. There are many dates open !! You may do the same by sponsoring the Sunday bulletin. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the offices.

### **Welcome!**

#### **Today, February 5th**

9:00 a.m.  
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10:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m.  
11:45 a.m.

Worship Service, sanctuary  
Nursery Care (ages birth thru 5 yrs )  
Sunday School (ages 3 thru Grade 5)  
Coffee time, Paxton Hall  
Worship Service, sanctuary  
Sunday School (ages 3 thru Grade 12)  
"Pizza with the Pastor," Paxton Hall *All welcome!*

#### **Monday, February 6th**

5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

FV Children's Chorus, Paxton Hall  
Boy Scouts, Pine Room  
Women's Bible Study, library

#### **Tuesday, February 7th**

10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Experience Worship, Conference Room  
Staff meeting & lunch, conference room  
TCFS Mothers' Group, Library  
Outreach team meeting, Paxton Hall  
Worship team meeting, conference room

#### **Wednesday, February 8th**

9:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.

Women's Bible Study, Paxton Hall  
LOGOS  
AA, Library  
Choir rehearsal, Pine Room

#### **Thursday, February 9th**

10:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

GIFT group, conference room  
TOPS, Library  
Finance Team meeting, conference room

#### **Friday, February 10th**

1:30 p.m.

Friendly Visitors

#### **Saturday, February 11th**

8:00 a.m.

Men's Bible, Pine Room. Please join us!

#### **REMINDER:**

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